

MILFORD HERITAGE COMMISSION

~ 2005 REPORT ~



The primary purpose of the Milford Heritage Commission is to promote the proper recognition, use and protection of the unique cultural and historical resources of Milford, and also integrate preservation planning into a partnership with individuals, businesses, Town boards and other appropriate groups. As stated in New Hampshire RSA 674:44 and referencing the Milford Master Plan, the Milford Heritage Commission shall have advisory and review authority. It shall also be empowered to accept and expend funds for a non-lapsing Heritage Fund, and to acquire and manage property and property rights.

The Milford Heritage Commission is also the historic conscience for the Town of Milford.

This year the Commission reviewed Discretionary Preservation Easement applications for two properties in Milford and submitted their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for their consideration and possible action.

In October of 2005 the Heritage Commission presented an Award of Excellence to Harry Boghigian in recognition of the considerable investment and accomplishment he made in the preservation of the historic structure located at 76 Elm Street.

In November of 2005 the Heritage Commission again partnered with the Conservation Commission in overseeing the conservation easement for Maplewood, a North River Road property owned by Shawn Trombly.

During 2005 the Commission has been actively involved in the US Cellular plan to erect a new 70 foot tower on the roof of the Milford Town Hall building, which is on the National Register for Historic Buildings. Although this new tower would benefit MACC Base, the Commission strongly felt the tower would have an adverse impact on the structural integrity of the 1869 building.

The Milford Heritage Commission will continue to work with the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment giving advisory and review recommendations.

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